

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to increase passenger facilities in proportion to the increase of users;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the upper class railway passenger fare is higher than the concessional air fare of certain private airlines; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a) & (b): Increase in passenger facilities is undertaken based on the volume of passenger traffic handled on trains and at stations. Augmentation of passenger amenities and facilities is a continuous process.
- (c) & (d): Railway fares cannot be compared with air fares. Air fares are variable and depend on destination, date of travel, time of flight, date of advance booking, season etc. Moreover, concessional fares are available only for a limited number of seats in the air craft and all the passengers cannot avail of the same. Each of the above criteria also varies for different airlines. Railways fares, on the other hand, are the same for all passengers for the same class across all routes.